IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

| TECOMET, INC., |) |
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| Plaintiff, |)) |
| |) C.A. NO. 04-10424 DPW |
| v. |) |
| JAMES ATKINSON, |) |
| Defendant. |) |
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<u>DEFENDANT JAMES ATKINSON'S</u> <u>LOCAL RULE 16.1(D)(3) CERTIFICATION</u>

Pursuant to Local Rule 16.1(D)(3), the undersigned hereby certifies that he has conferred with Defendant James Atkinson (a) with a view to establishing a budget for the costs of conducting the full course – and various alternative courses – of the litigation; and (b) to consider the resolution of the litigation through the use of alternative dispute resolution programs such as those outlined in Local Rule 16.4.

James Atkinson

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